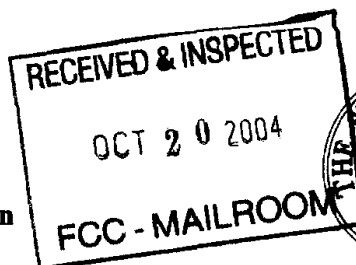


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RE: Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service, CC Docket No. 96-45

TX PUC Project No. 25787 - FCC Letters Regarding ETC Designation Pursuant to
FTA '96 §214(e) (2)

October 8, 2004

ETC Amendments - XIT Telecommunications Technology, Inc. and Grande Communications Networks, Inc.

Pursuant to Section 214(e) (2) of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended (the "Act") and 47 C.F.R. sections 54.201 – 54.203, the Texas Public Utility Commission (TPUC) has granted amendments to the eligible telecommunications carrier (ETC) designation of XIT Telecommunications and Technology, Inc. (XIT) and Grande Communications Networks, Inc. (Grande).

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XIT was previously granted ETC designation for the Valor Telecommunications of Texas, L.P. (Valor) exchanges of Dalhart, Stratford, Channing and Hartley. Grande was previously granted ETC designation for the Century Tel of San Marcos exchange of San Marcos. These amendments will add the Valor exchange of Boys Ranch to XIT's ETC designation and the Verizon exchanges of Argyle, Bartonville, and Copper Canyon and the



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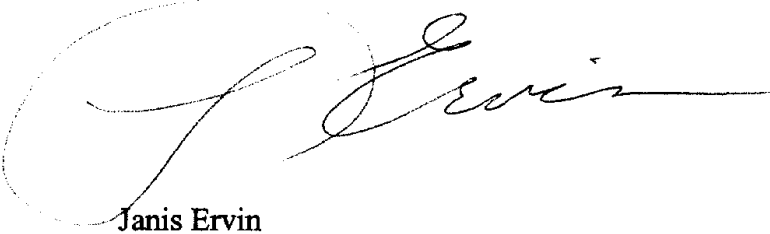
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Southwestern Bell exchanges of Aubrey, Krugerville, Little Elm, McKinney and Prosper to Grande's ETC designation.

The attached TPUC *Order No. 3, Notice of Approval for an Amendment to its Designation as Eligible Telecommunications Carrier (ETC) and Eligible Telecommunications Provider (ETP)*, in Docket No. 30115, and *Order No. 3, Notice of Approval for an Amendment to its Designation as Eligible Telecommunications Carrier (ETC) and Eligible Telecommunications Provider (ETP)*, in Docket No. 30099, issued on October 4, 2004.

If you require any additional information please call Janis Ervin at (512)-936-7372.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "J. Ervin", written in dark ink. The signature is fluid and extends horizontally across the page.

Janis Ervin
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Telecommunications Division
Texas Public Utility Commission

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APPLICATION OF XIT §
TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND §
TECHNOLOGY, LTD. TO AMEND ITS §
DESIGNATION AS AN ELIGIBLE §
TELECOMMUNICATIONS CARRIER §
(ETC) PURSUANT TO 47 U.S.C §214(e) §
AND P.U.C. SUBST. R. 26.418 AND AS AN §
ELIGIBLE TELECOMMUNICATIONS §
PROVIDER (ETP) PURSUANT TO 47 §
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**NOTICE OF APPROVAL FOR AN AMENDMENT TO ITS DESIGNATION AS
AN ELIGIBLE TELECOMMUNICATIONS CARRIER (ETC) AND
ELIGIBLE TELECOMMUNICATIONS PROVIDER (ETP)**

Procedural History

On August 19, 2004, XIT Telecommunications and Technology, Ltd. (XIT or the Company) filed an application for amendment of its designation as an eligible telecommunications carrier (ETC), which was assigned Docket No. 30098. XIT also filed an application to amend its designation as an eligible telecommunications provider (ETP), which was assigned Docket No. 30099. The applications provided sought amendments seeking to include the exchange of Boys Ranch, served by Valor Telecommunications of Texas, L.P. (Valor). XIT requested an effective date of no later than September 30, 2004 for its amended application.

XIT holds Certificate of Operating Authority (COA) No. 50010 granted in Docket No. 16955, on April 24, 1997, and amended on September 12, 2002, in Docket No. 22863. XIT was initially granted ETC and ETP designation in Docket No. 20385 on March 30, 1999, for the Dalhart and Stratford exchanges of Valor, and amended these designations in Docket No. 29525 on May 17, 2004, for the addition of the Channing and Hartley exchanges, also within Valor territory.

On September 1, 2004, Order No. 2 was filed deeming the applications and notice sufficient, consolidating dockets, and closing Docket No. 30098.

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On September 28, 2004, Staff filed its recommendation on final disposition. XIT has affirmed the commitments previously made to meet all requirements of P.U.C. SUBST. R. 26.418, and 26.417, and 47 U.S.C. §214(e). Having met all of the criteria, Staff recommended that XIT's application be approved and the amended designation for the addition of the Boys Ranch exchange within Valor territory in its respective applications be granted.

Ordering Paragraph

Based on Staff's recommendation, pursuant to P.U.C. SUBST. R. 26.418 and 26.417, XIT's application for an amendment to its ETC and ETP designation to add the Boys Ranch exchange within Valor territory is approved.

SIGNED AT AUSTIN, TEXAS ON THIS the 4th day of October 2004.

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**IRENE MONTELONGO
ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE
POLICY DEVELOPMENT DIVISION**

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APPLICATION OF GRANDE
COMMUNICATIONS NETWORKS, INC.
TO AMEND ITS DESIGNATION AS AN
ELIGIBLE TELECOMMUNICATIONS
CARRIER (ETC) PURSUANT TO 47 U.S.C.
§214(e) AND P.U.C. SUBST. R. 26.418 AND
AS AN ELIGIBLE
TELECOMMUNICATIONS PROVIDER
(ETP) PURSUANT TO 47 U.S.C. §214(e)
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**NOTICE OF APPROVAL FOR AN AMENDMENT TO ITS DESIGNATION AS
AN ELIGIBLE TELECOMMUNICATIONS CARRIER (ETC) AND
ELIGIBLE TELECOMMUNICATIONS PROVIDER (ETP)**

Procedural History

On August 20, 2004, Grande Communications Networks, Inc. (Grande or the Company) filed an application for amendment of its designation as an eligible telecommunications carrier (ETC) and its designation as an eligible telecommunications provider (ETP). The application provided sought an amendment of Grande's ETC and ETP designations for the addition of the Argyle, Bartonville, and Copper Canyon exchanges within Verizon Southwest (Verizon) territory, and the Aubrey, Krugerville, Little Elm, McKinney and Prosper exchanges within the territory of Southwestern Bell Telephone Company (SBC). Grande requested an approval date of no later than September 30, 2004 for its amended application.

Grande holds Service Provider Certificate of Operating Authority (SPCOA) No. 60341 granted in Docket No. 22444, on June 15, 2000, and amended on May 23, 2003, in Docket No. 26404. Grande was initially granted ETC and ETP designation in Docket No. 26404 on May 23, 2003, for the San Marcos exchange within the territory of CenturyTel of San Marcos.

On September 7, 2004, Order No. 2 was filed deeming the application and notice sufficient.

On September 28, 2004, Staff filed its recommendation on final disposition. Grande has affirmed the commitments previously made to meet all requirements of P.U.C. SUBST. R. 26.418, and 26.417, and 47 U.S.C. §214(e). Having met all of the criteria, Staff recommended that Grande's application be approved and the amended designation for the Argyle, Bartonville, and Copper Canyon exchanges within Verizon territory, and the Aubrey, Krugerville, Little Elm, McKinney, and Prosper exchanges within the SBC territory be granted.

Ordering Paragraph

Based on Staff's recommendation, pursuant to P.U.C. SUBST. R. 26.418 and 26.417, Grande's application for an amendment to its ETC and ETP designation to add the Argyle, Bartonville, and Copper Canyon exchanges within Verizon territory, and the Aubrey, Krugerville, Little Elm, McKinney, and Prosper exchanges within the territory of SBC are approved.

SIGNED AT AUSTIN, TEXAS ON THIS the 4th day of October 2004.

PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF TEXAS



IRENE MONTELONGO
ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE
POLICY DEVELOPMENT DIVISION